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SUBJECT: MALECELA REPORTEDLY NOT TO ATTEND THE UNGA

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1. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING ALSO (REF. A) THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MALECELA NOT INTENDING TO ATTEND 30TH UNGA. LIST OF FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, HEADED BY JUNIOR MINISTER ISAAC SEPETU, WHO WILL ATTEND WAS SUBMITTED REF. B.

2. MALECELA, LIKE OTHER TANZANIAN MINISTERS, IS RUNNING FOR PARLIAMENT IN OCTOBER 26 GENERAL ELECTIONS, AND IS REPORTED BY SOME OBSERVERS TO BE IN POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES. HE HAS HINTED TO US THAT HE MAY NOT BE STAYING ON AS FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN A NEW CABINET IS FORMED AFTER THE ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO ASSUME THAT MALECELA'S RETIREMENT FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, IF IT TAKES PLACE, WOULD REFLECT ANY SIGNIFICANT IDEOLOGICAL CHANGE IN TANZANIAN FOREIGN POLICY. TANZANIAN FOREIGN POLICY IS MADE BY PRESIDENT NYERERE, NOT BY ANY FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. WE MAKE THIS POINT BECAUSE SOME WORKING LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE ALREADY HINTED TO US THAT MALECELA'S DIFFICULTIES MIGHT STEM IN PART FROM HIS HANDLING OF THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE THIS YEAR. WE STRONGLY DOUBT THAT. MALECELA HAS BEEN FOREIGN MINISTER SINCE 1972, WHEN THE
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PRESENT CABINET WAS FORMED. AT TIMES BEFORE 1972, NYERERE HAD BEEN HIS OWN FOREIGN MINISTER. THERE WILL PROBABLY

BE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE CABINET FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER
ELECTIONS. WE WILL NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
SLOT IS AMONG THEM, BUT WE DO NOT THINK THAT THIS WOULD PRESAGE
ANY SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN TANZANIAN FOREIGN POLICY.
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